

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

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Hunter Education Course at Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

McBee, SC - Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge will offer a Hunter Education Course on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the refuge office (23734 Hwy 1, 3 miles North of McBee, SC). The course begins at 8:00am and lasts until 5:00pm.

Requirements:

Pre-register on the SCDNR website at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov> by clicking the Education tab. Call 803-734-3900 to pre-register if you do not have access to a computer.
Bring lunch or make arrangements for lunch offsite.
Bring or know your Social Security Number.
Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
Anyone under the age of 18 must bring a signed permission slip from his/her parent/guardian to participate in live-fire range activities.
The course is free but limited to 25 students.

Hunter education is not just for kids and not just for hunters. The program is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in conservation. The course is also an excellent refresher for veteran hunters. All residents and non-residents born after June 30, 1979 must complete a hunter education course before a hunting license is obtained. In addition, all youth hunters must have completed hunter education to participate in refuge hunts, including youth hunts.

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge features 46,000 acres of rolling hills dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem. The refuge is home to the red-cockaded woodpecker, a federally endangered species, and provides a mosaic of habitats for 190 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, 41 species of reptiles, and 25 species of amphibians. More than 800 species of plants have been identified on the refuge, including rare species of pitcher plants, Well's pixie-moss, and white-wicky. The refuge, located in Chesterfield County, is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands more than 540 units strong. The US Fish and Wildlife Service manages this outstanding network of lands to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

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